Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A urea based granule blend configured for ice-melting and reducing granule caking, said blend comprising:

substantially pure urea granules ~~comprising an ice-melting property~~ capable of melting ice; and

formaldehyde coated urea granules ~~configured for~~, the formaldehyde capable of reducing granule caking;

wherein said blend is capable of melting ice when in use and configured for ~~said ice-melting when in use and~~ reducing granule caking when in storage.

2. (original) The granule blend as claimed in claim 1 wherein a ratio of said substantially pure urea granules to said formaldehyde coated urea granules is adjustable to provide a formaldehyde coated urea granules rich blend being optimised for substantially reducing granule caking during storage of said granule blend.

3. (currently amended) The granule blend as claimed in claim 1 wherein a ratio of said substantially pure urea granules ~~and~~ to said formaldehyde coated urea granules is adjustable to provide a substantially pure urea granules rich blend being optimised for said ice-melting.

4. (canceled)

5. (original) The granule blend as claimed in claim 1 wherein said granules are prills.

6. (canceled)

7. (currently amended) A method of preparing a urea based granule blend configured for ice-melting and reducing granule caking, said method comprising:

mixing substantially pure urea granules ~~comprising an ice-melting property~~ capable of melting ice with formaldehyde coated urea granules ~~configured for reducing granule,~~ the formaldehyde capable of reducing granule caking;

wherein said blend is ~~configured for said ice-melting~~ capable of melting ice when in use and ~~reducing granule~~ configured for reducing granule caking when in storage.

8. (original) The method as claimed in claim 7 further comprising:

storing said granule blend in a hand-held dispenser configured to dispense said granule blend.

9. (canceled)

10. (canceled)

11. (canceled)

12. (original) The method as claimed in claim 7 wherein said granules are prills.

13. (currently amended) A method of ice-melting using a urea based granule blend, said method comprising:

mixing substantially pure urea granules ~~comprising an ice-melting property~~ capable of melting ice with formaldehyde coated urea ~~granules;~~ granule, said formaldehyde capable of reducing a caking of said granule blend;

~~reducing a caking of said granules using said formaldehyde coated urea granules;~~

~~initiating said ice-melting using said substantially pure urea granules; and~~

wherein, when said granule blend is applied in contact with ice, melting of said ice is initiated by said substantially pure urea granules the melted ice capable of solvating the formaldehyde and activating said formaldehyde coated urea granules for ice-melting ~~following said initiating of said ice-melting using said subtantially pure urea granules~~.

14. (canceled)

15. (currently amended) The method as claimed in claim 14 wherein said dispenser is a hand-held dispenser, ~~said~~ a dispensing of said granule blend from said dispenser comprising:

a user shaking said hand-held dispenser.

16. (currently amended) The method as claimed claim 13 ~~further comprising:~~

~~optimising said granule blend for ice-melting by:~~

~~adjusting~~ wherein a ratio of said substantially pure urea granules to said formaldehyde coated urea granules is adjustable to provide a substantially pure urea ~~granules~~ granule rich granule blend being optimised for said ice-melting.

17. (currently amended) The method as claimed in claim 13 ~~further comprising:~~

~~optimising said granule blend for reducing granule caking during granule blend storage by:~~

~~adjusting~~ wherein a ratio of said substantially pure urea granules to said formaldehyde coated urea granules is adjustable to provide a formaldehyde coated urea ~~granules~~ granule rich granule blend being optimised for reducing granule caking during storage of said granule blend.

18. (original) The method as claimed in claim 13 wherein said granules are prills.

19. (canceled)

20. (currently amended) A hand-held dispenser being configured to dispense a urea based granule blend configured for ice-melting and reducing granule caking, said blend comprising:

substantially pure urea granules ~~comprising an ice-melting property~~ capable of melting ice; and

formaldehyde coated urea granules ~~configured for~~, the formaldehyde capable of reducing granule caking;

wherein said blend is ~~configured for said ice-melting~~ capable of melting ice when in use and configured for reducing granule caking when in storage.

21. (original) The hand-held dispenser as claimed in claim 20 wherein said dispenser is configured to dispense said granule blend by a shaking of said dispenser by a user.

22. (original) The hand-held dispenser as claimed in claim 20 wherein said dispenser is configured to dispense said granule blend as a free-flowing granule blend.

23. (new) The method as claimed in claim 7 wherein said granule blend comprises a greater amount of formaldehyde coated urea granules relative to an amount of said substantially pure urea granules.

24. (new) The method as claimed in claim 7 wherein said granule blend comprises a greater amount of substantially pure urea granules relative to an amount of said formaldehyde coated urea granules.

25. (new) The method as claimed in claim 13 further comprising:

applying said granule blend to said ice as a free-flowing granule blend from a dispenser.